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Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Oroville Facilities Relicensing, FERC Project No. 2100
Semi-Annual Progress Report

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed are an original and eight CD-ROM copies of the Department of Water Resources' six-month Progress Report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Department is submitting this six-month Progress Report, covering the period beginning January 11 through July 11, 2003, pursuant to FERC's Alternative Licensing Procedures, as required by Section 4.34(6)(ii) of FERC Order 596.

During the reporting period, our primary achievements were as follows:

- Submitted Final National Environmental Policy Act Scoping Document 2 and California Environmental Quality Act Revised Notice of Preparation, dated February 25, 2003 to FERC;
- Developed a Resource Action Identification (PM&E) Form for stakeholders to submit proposed protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures as specified in the Process Protocols;
- Hosted an operations modeling seminar for stakeholders to understand the relationship between proposed resource actions and operations modeling analysis; and
- Continued field studies to support the Department's license application.

As the attached CD-ROM copies of our Oroville Facilities Relicensing web site show, the Department has also completed, shared with the collaborative, and posted to the web site, 29 individual reports generated to date from the array of 71 study plans we have on-going.

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Finally, the Department continues to develop a framework for Oroville Facilities Relicensing settlement agreement negotiations; the Process Protocols, dated May 1, 2001, will be updated to reflect the process for settlement negotiation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me at (916) 653-5062.

Sincerely,

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